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TOPIC Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield

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REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

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REMARKS

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1. Air activity observed at Erfurt-Findersleben airfield from 19 January through 8 February 1953 included:

19 January. About 10:30 a.m., two MiG-15s were flying over Erfurt and landed at the field at 10:40 a.m. There was a 10/10 overcast at an altitude of 500 to 700 meters.

20 and 21 January. Two MiG-15s practiced formation flying and aerobatics.

25 January. From a point about 600 meters east of the eastern end of the runway, source observed aircraft approaching the field along the approach lane. It appeared that they flew some kilometers beyond the western boundary of the field and then returned at a distance of several kilometers.

31 January. Between 10:30 and 11:15 a.m., two MiG-15s practiced formation flying and dog fights. Between 26 January and 1 February, source observed four MiG-15s parked near the flight control station.

5 February. About 10:30 a.m., two MiG-15s flew over Erfurt. There was a 10/10 overcast at an altitude of 500 meters.

8 February. From 2 to 2:30 p.m., two MiG-15s practiced formation flying and aerobatics. Not more than six MiG-15s were observed flying at the same time over the field.¹

2. Prior to 10 February, almost no construction work was done at the field. Fourteen aircraft revetments were observed north and northeast of Bindersleben.
3. Radio installations observed at the field in late January included: One PKV-45 DF station, about 200 meters from the eastern edge of the airfield and 250 meters north of the center line of the runway; a radio truck fitted with two antenna rods, one vertical, the other one in a slanting position, between the flight control station and radio cabin No 11; two radio trucks, one of which

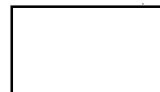
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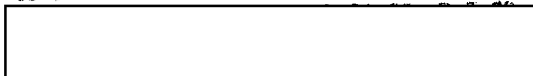
fitted with a Rus II set, about 60 meters northwest of the guardhouse; a radio truck with an antenna mast whose location was reported previously.

4. On 2, 5, and 8 February, truck [redacted] carried a detail of 13 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets from the billeting area to the AAA emplacement. The soldiers were taken back by the same truck to their quarters about noon. Seven large containers with an estimated capacity of 25,000 liters each were observed in the fuel dump north of the officers billets. A dirt road which was apparently frequently used extended from the fuel dump toward the southwest. On 25 January, source observed that a twin-core telephone cable extended from the airfield toward the east and a three or four-core cable from the billeting area to the south.

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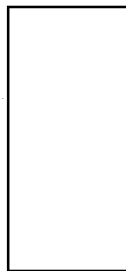
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1. [redacted] Comment. Four to six MiG-15s which serve as alert flight are stationed at Erfurt-Bindersleben. According to available information the flight is connected with the fighter division in Merseburg. The air activity observed indicates that the pilots of the alert unit were well trained.
2. [redacted] Comment. The sketch furnished by source indicates the location of the radio and fuel tank installations at the field.

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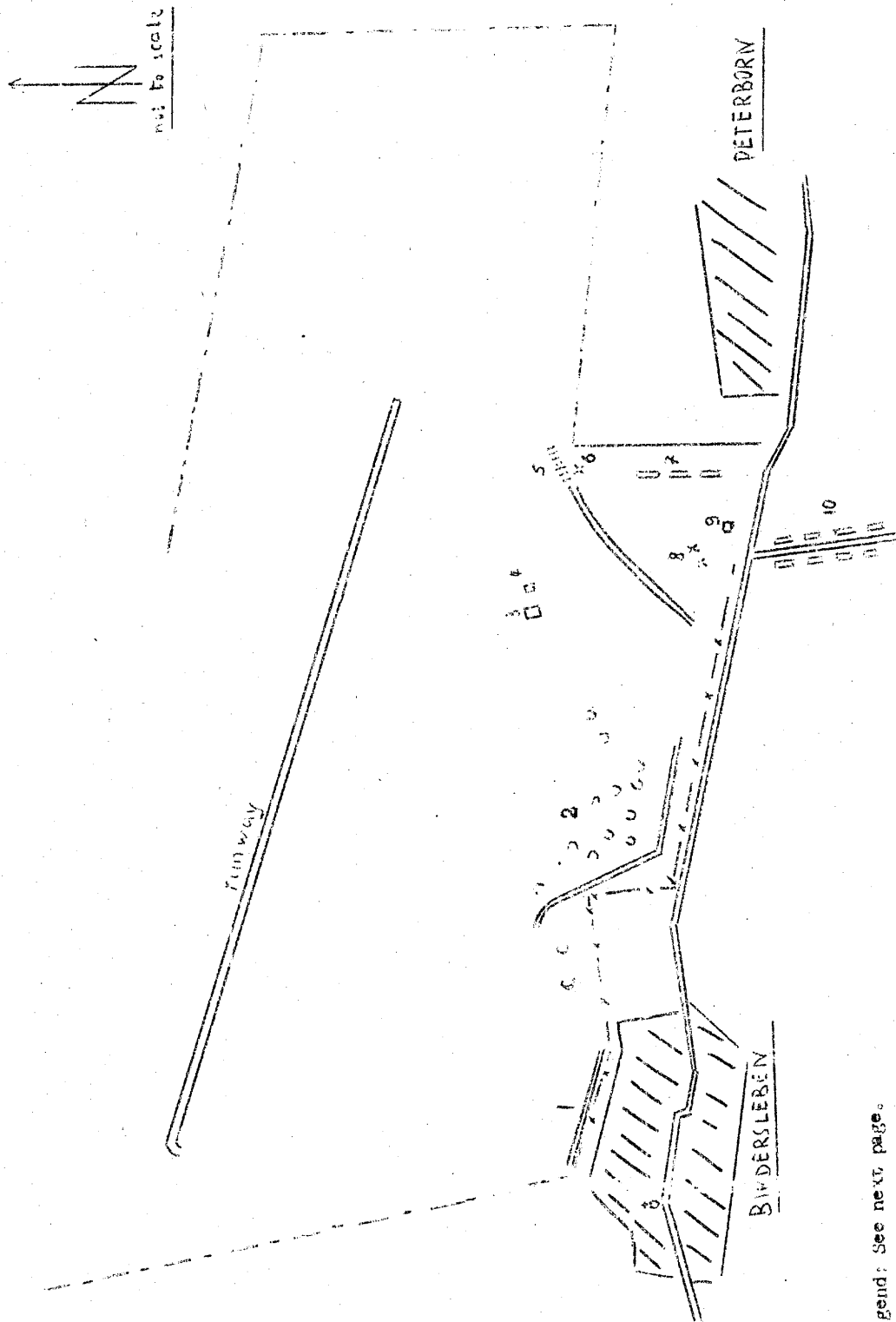
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Legend:

1. Sunken road with nine burnt-out railroad cars.
2. Fourteen aircraft revetments.
3. Flight control station.
4. Radio cabin.
5. Fuel dump.
6. Radio truck with mast.
7. Officers billets.
8. Two radio trucks, one of them fitted with a Rus II set.
9. Guardhouse.
10. Quarters building.
11. PKV-45 DF station.

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